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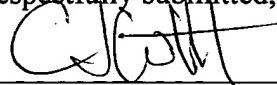
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U.S. National Phase of International Application No. PCT/EP99/04416)	Examiner: Unassigned
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Filed: 25 June 1999)	
For: Propionibacterium Vector)	

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Washington, D.C. 20231

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached papers for the above identified new patent application:
 - 1) Status Inquiry; and
 - 2) Return Postcard.
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Respectfully submitted,



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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request an indication of the status of the above-referenced application.

This application was filed on December 22, 2000. However, to date, the Applicants have not received a Notice to File Missing Parts or a Notice of Acceptance of the Application. Applicants would gratefully appreciate receiving a written communication indicating when Applicants may expect to receive a Notice to File Missing Parts or a Notice of Acceptance of Application on this application.

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Date: May 14, 2001